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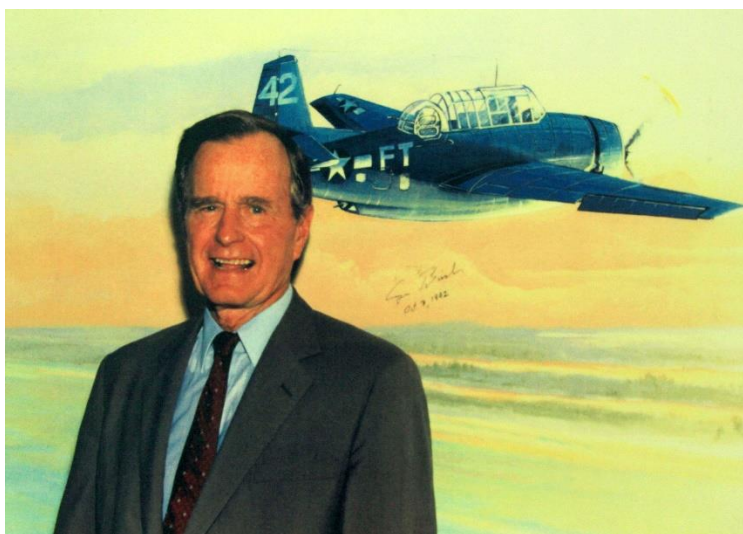
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



We mourn the loss of President George H.W. Bush (1924-2018)

In the summer of 1943, 19-year-old Ens. Bush spent 10 weeks at Naval Air station Fort Lauderdale to train as a pilot of an Avenger torpedo bomber. He then served in the Navy with distinction, and after years of public service, became the 41st President of the United States. In October of 1992 he returned to sign our mural.

In Memoriam

Our deepest condolences to the families of Charles Schaus (Aug. 2018), James Lansdale (Oct. 2018), William Zuendt (2018), Roy Urbanek (Dec. 2018), Jon F. Mhyre (Oct. 2018), and Floyd Johnson (2019).



Charles Schaus



James Lansdale

Jon F. Mhyre



William Zuendt



Roy Urbanek

Floyd Johnson



Welcome New Members

Individual Members: Duane Matson, Kirk Goodall, Sara Israel, Mary A. Kissel, Shirley Ruppert, Jerrold "Jerry" Schapiro, Peter Larson, Raul Mas, Chuck Peabody, and Kevin Mackenzie

Life Members: Robert J. Coopman, Michael Thomas, and Brian Busbee

Upcoming Events

- There will be commissioning of the USS Paul Ignatius (DDG-117) in July 2019.
- We have our annual Fleet Week April 29- May 6, 2019. The sailors will be here at the NASFL Museum on May 2nd. Make sure to mark your calendars.

Alive in History

-Vietnam veteran and historian Jon F. Myhre, continued his lifelong mission to solve the mystery of Flight 19 until his passing. View his story, and the legacy he left behind, on our website.

-Roy Urbanek, a World War II veteran, was born in Chicago, Illinois, graduated Proviso East High School. He did basic training in Oklahoma and stationed at the Fort Lauderdale Naval Base. He trained as a TBM Avenger torpedo bomber. After his time here, he fell in love with Florida and he along with his wife, Gertrude, eventually bought a condo in Lauderdale by the Sea. They retired permanently in Florida in 2011. Roy passed away December 2, 2018, at the age of 92. He will be missed dearly by friends and family.



Our Projects

-Within the last few months, artist John Bowen has restored the Hedgehog, located in front of the building. A picture of the hedgehog can be seen on our blog.

-The Tuskegee Airmen Association meets here in the museum every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

-On December 22, 2018, we had our annual Christmas cookout. We had a blast!

-- We are proposing to make a vegetable garden. Volunteer Eric Mouldon will be donating his time and efforts to making Minerva's Vegetable Garden, that will be growing herbs, veggies, and other plants for sale at the NASFL Museum. All proceeds will be donated to the museum in memory of Minerva Bloom.

- We participated in Downtown Hollywood Vintage South Florida Event on February 17th. We showcased our historic museum, along with our Project Manager Brendan Doyle and Historian Docent Gary Adams. We encourage visitors on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 11:30-3:30. Free admission, donations welcome and appreciated. All donations go to ensure the continuation of the NASFL Museum.

Veteran's Featured

Morris Adwar served our country in the Army Air Force from 1942-1945 as a Tail Gunner. He was the last pilot of his crew to pass on, at the age of 96 years old. He flew 35 missions over Germany, when only 25 missions were the limit. He married his girlfriend Clair when he came out of the war and were married 69 years. They had 3 daughters, 1 son, 16 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. They shared a long and beautiful life together. This information was lovingly provided in memory by his brother, Harry Adwar. He will be remembered as a true hero.



Harry Adwar, child number 10 of 14, also served his country. He served in the Army from 1955-1957 as a Supply Sargent for Headquarters. He served two years in Reserves from 1957-1959. He was called back to arms during the Hungarian crisis. Both gentlemen came from a family of fourteen children, with an amazing widowed mother. Harry was seven years old when his father passed away from a heart attack, leaving his wife to raise thirteen children while being seven months pregnant with her fourteenth. She lovingly instilled family values and hard work in all of her children. Harry is still married to his childhood sweetheart, Judy. Both are amazing people, with many stories. We thank them both for their service to our country.

Benefactors and Donations

Thank you to David Perestein, Virginia Knudsen, Phil Jordan, Shea Cirigo, Louis and Pat Riggio, Brendan Doyle, Happy Poppy's, Kiwovia Club of Hollywood, Master Garden of Broward County, Alexander's Farm Nursery, Col. Ron Muscarella, Larry Rivera, Pop's Nursery, and Tim and Beth Sheehan.

Many donations were made in honor of Minerva Bloom.
We appreciate the time, money, and effort given to assist our museum.

Flight 19

On December 5, 2018, the NASFL museum hosted the 73rd anniversary of Flight 19. Flight 19 is an annual memorial ceremony held to honor the 27 men that vanished on December 5, 1945. This ceremony also remembers the 95 service members who died while training at Naval Air Station Fort Lauderdale during 1942- 1946. The memorial educates the public about Florida's vital role in training for the battlefields in World War II. This year's ceremony coincided with President Bush's funeral. TV stations Channel 4 & Channel 6 were present.



Flight 19 Volunteers

Thank you to Gary Adams, Anthony Atwood, John Bloom, George Counts, Brendan Doyle, Gary & Bobbie Kilbride, Debbie McElhiney- Hamilton, Murray Morton, Sgt. Don Prichard, Dorothy Riser, Larry Rivera, Tom Sheridan, and Marvo Taitt, Kitty Weidman, Sara Israel, Isabella & Diane Ramirez for volunteering your time to help make our Flight 19 memorial what it is today.

Flight 19 Memorial Service On TV

<http://www.becon.tv/vod?vidID=181464&channelID=10256&page=1>

We have the link listed above on our blog to watch our 2018 Flight 19 Memorial Service.

Flight 19 Restaurant

Owners Chris and Emily Young opened the new Flight 19 restaurant at 1103 East Las Olas Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale. They invite you to stop by and dine with them, the food is excellent.



Luncheons

Our last luncheon was November 17, 2018. Everyone had a great time, enjoying food and memories. Our guest speaker was Navy veteran Chris Felton. He spoke about his service and Nuclear Submarines.



Our next luncheon will be March 23, 2019 at 11:30 at the Lauderdale Yacht club. Our guest speaker will be Walter Houghton, Former Director of FLL & Asst. Prof. Embry-Riddle. His presentation will be Old Planes and People Met Along the Way.

Docents

Thanks to Gary Adams, Gary Kilbride, Tom Sheridan, George Counts, John Bloom, Murray Morton, Bob Alden, Sara Israel, and our newest docent Dylano Trowers



Volunteers

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers Dr. James Perry, Bobbie Kilbride, Beth Sheehan, Angela Piriano, Diane and Isabella Ramirez, and Dorothy Riser. Debbie McElhiney-Hamilton. We appreciate you so much for everything you do in the museum.

The Wrecking Crew

Thanks to Brendan Doyle, Nunzio Galli, Phil Jordan, Rolf Ekelund, John Bowen, Don Rieth and Larry Rivera for coming out almost every day to keep the post in prime condition.

The Garden Crew

Thank you to our wonderful garden crew: Janice Malkoff, Lee Layman, Taddeus Hamilton, and Diane Gray. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Veterans Gardening Class

The gardening classes are every third Wednesday of the month from 1:30- 3:30 pm. Our last two were in November (Criswell Farms) and January (Know Your Bugs!)

Special Thanks!

Special thanks to Brendan Doyle and Don Fallon. Everyone appreciates your work. Brendan, thank you for all your hard work and the improvements you've made to the museum, we really appreciate it. Don, a master model builder and aviation historian, thank you for the hundreds of models you made, identify, and display. The museum thanks both of you for your work and efforts to help this museum.



REMINDER!

Please remember that dues are due January of 2019.

We are always looking for new docents! Become a volunteer today!

Bricks are selling fast! Order yours today! Order forms are available in the museum and online.